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SUBJECT: EILAT-ASHKELON PIPELINE BESET BY LABOR PROBLEMS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. THE APRIL 4 HAARETZ REPORTED THAT THE MARITIME UNIONS HAD PARALYZED THE EILAT-ASHKELON PIPELINE BY STRIKING TWO TANKERS (ONE UNLOADING AT EILAT AND ONE LOADING AT ASHKELON) AT THE END OF LAST WEEK. THE OFFICERS AND RATINGS UNIONS DECLARED THE STRIKE OVER THE ALLEGED FAILURE OF THE TRANSASIATIC COMPANY (WHICH OPERATES BOTH TANKERS AND THE PIPELINE), TO IMPLEMENT AN AGREEMENT TO ASSURE THE EMPLOYMENT OF ISRAELIS ON ITS VESSELS. THIS AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ONLY A MONTH AGO, ENDING A STRIKE ON THIS VERY SUBJECT. THE UNIONS INSIST THAT AN ISRAELI TANKER THAT TRANSASIATIC IS WITHDRAWING FROM SERVICE BE REPLACED BY ANOTHER VESSEL MANNED BY AN ISRAELI CREW, INSTEAD OF A FOREIGN TANKER (WITH A FOREIGN CREW) THAT THEY SAY THE COMPANY PLANS TO INTRODUCE. THE MARITIME UNIONS ARE ALSO DEMANDING THAT THE ISRAELI SAILORS BE PAID THEIR FULL SALARIES UNTIL THEY ARE PLACED ON ANOTHER TANKER. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. BEGIN LOU. TRANSASIATIC DIRECTOR GENERAL BEN DROR TOLD US THAT ALTHOUGH ONE TANKER HAS IN FACT BEEN STRUCK AT ASHKELON, OTHER OPERATIONS OF THE PIPELINE ARE SO FAR CONTINUING. BEN DROR LAMENTED THAT THE MARITIME UNIONS, RATHER THAN TRANSASIATIC'S EMPLOYEES, ARE ONCE AGAIN TRYING TO USE THEIR STRATEGIC POSITION IN THE ECONOMY TO MAINTAIN BOTH JOBS AND HIGH WAGES IN AN INDUSTRY

WHICH IS DEPRESSED WORLDWIDE. HE NOTED THAT HIS PROBLEMS WITH THE MARITIME UNIONS ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH PLAGUED THE U.S. SEVERAL YEARS AGO. HE MADE THE POINT THAT THE HISTADRUT'S PROPOSALS TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY TRANSASIATIC BUT REJECTED BY THE MARITIME UNIONS. HE SAID HE HAD NO IDEA HOW LONG THE STRIKE WOULD LAST. END LOU.
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